

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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County Employee Indicted on Felony Theft Charge

The Montgomery County Office of Inspector General and the State's Attorney's Office announce a joint investigation has resulted in the indictment of a County Government employee. On May 31, 2007, Delmy Y. Siguenza, an employee in the County's Department of Public Works and Transportation, was indicted by a Montgomery County Grand Jury for one count of Felony Theft Scheme and one misdemeanor count of operating a Pyramid Promotional Scheme.

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